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No Major Surgery

The nation's capital has been rife with rumors about just whose head would "roll" in the wake of the blundered invasion of Cuba that turned into such a boomeranging fiasco for the United States.

Initial reports after the invasion failed pinned the blame on the Central Intelligence Agency, with hints that Chief Allen Dulles would get the axe. Most of this seemed to stem from Cuban leaders who blamed CIA operatives for failing to coordinate operations with the island underground.

Following this the spotlight of blame shifted to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon. Officials of the Kennedy administration suggested that the JCS had blundered in approving the invasion. But then this was countered by military sources which said that the defense chiefs had done so only with the understanding that the U.S. would support the invaders with air power and President Kennedy refused to do this.

President Kennedy has openly accepted the over-all responsibility but has conducted an investigation to find out just how and why he and his aides went wrong. This probe is being handled by Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor.

One recent suggestion was that intelligence-gathering and secret operations phases of undercover U.S. activities be separated—with the CIA being divested of the latter. But now it is reported that General Taylor will not recommend this.

Only "paramilitary" (guerrilla) operations will be taken from the CIA, if Taylor's report is accepted. In addition, he will urge closer control over the CIA by the President and his advisers.

Thus it seems that, in Taylor's view, no "major surgery" is required. Meaning that at least for a time the Dulles head will remain on CIA's shoulders.

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